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PALESTINIANS AND IACTU CENTRAL COUNCIL MEETING AT KHARTOUM

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1. ALTHOUGH JORDAN (NOT UNSURPRISINGLY) WAS NOT OFFICIALLY
INVITED TO PARTICIPATE IN TRIPOLI LABOR CONFERENCE PRIVATE
INVITATIONS WAS EXTENDED BY LIBYAN GOVERNMENT TO ONE
WAJIIH ARAADI, MINOR OFFICER IN LOCAL, LEFTIST DOMINATED
PHARMACEUTICAL WORKERS UNION. JORDANIAN SECURITY POLICE
SUBSEQUENTLY LEARNED OF ARAADIS TRAVEL PLANS AND CON-
FISCATED HIS PASSPORT, EFFECTIVELY CONFINING HIM TO
JORDAN. SOURCES IN MINISTRY OF LABOR STATE THAT SINCE
CONFISCATION, ARAADI HAS PERIODICALLY BUT UNSUCCESSFULLY
IMPLORED MINLABOR OFFICIALS TO INTERCEDE FOR HIM
WITH POLICE FOR RETURN OF PASSPORT.

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2. IACTU CENTRAL COUNCIL MEETING IN KHARTOUM

SINCE EARLY 1970S EXILE GROUP OF JORDANIANS RESIDENT IN DAMSCUS HAS CLAIMED TO REPRESENT GOJ IN ICATU PROCEEDINGS. INVITATIONS TO ICATU CONFERENCES ARE THUS SENT TO DAMASCUS RATHER THAN AMMAN. SINCE MINLABOR OFFICIALS CLAIM TO HAVE NO KNOWLEDGE OF THIS YEARS KHARTOUM MEETINGS WE (AND JORDANIANS) ASSUME THAT EXILE GROUP IS AN USUAL "REPRESENTING" JORDAN THERE. WOULD APPRECIATE EMBASSY KHARTOUM CHECKING THIS IS POSSIBLE.

3. COMMENT: JORDANIANS HAVE PRIVATELY MENTIONED THEIR DISAPPOINTMENT THAT QUESTION OF EXILE JORDANIANS GROUP WAS NOT RESOLVED DURING CONVERSATIONS BETWEEN GOJ AND SYRIAN MINISTERS OF LABOR AT RECENT ILO CONFERENCE IN GENEVA. EMBASSY HAS PREVIOUSLY COMMENTED AT LENGTH ON PECULIAR PERSISTENCE. OF THISODDITY IN IMPROVED JORDANIAN-SYRIAN RELATIONS

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